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FLATOW BRANCH

At the far northeast corner of the district, Flatow was a town of about five thousand when World War II approached. Just eighteen miles from Schneidemühl in the former Prussian province of West Prussia, it was also just eight miles from the Polish border. The modern name is Złotow, Poland.

Flatow Branch ¹	1939
Elders	1
Priests	0
Teachers	1
Deacons	0
Other Adult Males	3
Adult Females	4
Male Children	0
Female Children	1
<i>Total</i>	10

As of this writing, no eyewitnesses or writings of eyewitnesses have been located. There is no mention of the Flatow Branch in the history of the East German Mission for the years 1938 and 1939. With only ten members, this was the smallest official branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all of Germany in 1939.

Given the small number of priesthood holders in Flatow, it is very likely that District President Johannes Kindt visited the branch on numerous occasions (his home being only twenty minutes distant by train) or that he sent his counselors to assist on Sundays and other occasions. His records showed that the Flatow Branch became defunct during the war.

No members of the Flatow Branch are known to have lost their lives in World War II.

NOTE

1. Presiding Bishopric, "Financial, Statistical, and Historical Reports of Wards, Stakes, and Missions, 1884–1955," CR 4 12, 257.

KREUZ BRANCH

Often referred to as "Kreuz an der Ostbahn," the town of Kreuz in Pomerania was located on the north bank of the Netze River (the border of Germany and Poland) between the world wars. The Ostbahn was the main railway line running from Berlin east through Schneidemühl and the so-called Polish Corridor to the Free City of Danzig.

Kreuz Branch ¹	1938
Elders	2
Priests	0
Teachers	2
Deacons	2
Other Adult Males	4
Adult Females	19
Male Children	3
Female Children	0
<i>Total</i>	32

The Kreuz Branch had only thirty-two members when war began on September 1, 1939. The branch president at the time was